

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No, I should not be required to submit to just one more violation of my rights.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I have several friends who are currently needing hearing aids but simply can neither afford all these tests or are able to find transportation to & from Drs. & ear clinics. We are all in our 80's

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Certainly not! We've been deprived of enough of our rights or lack of them.

I have a hearing aid from Excel Solutions and I am more satisfied with it than one that cost me \$1000.00+

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes! Many of us can have aids if we could be spared of tests to M.D.'s & hearing specialists

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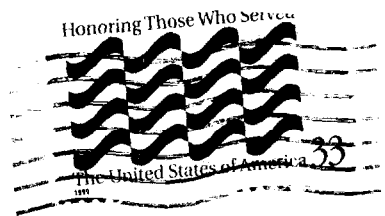
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